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IN VACATION.

Tax Reform, but ——.—Schmidt had but recently assumed the office of Collector of Taxes, after a victory on a reform platform, which had in view the collection of all just taxes. He industriously set himself to work reading the various taxation statutes, and as a result many citizens were sent bills for taxes of a nature they had never before received. O'Brien, who lived up on the Heights was the recipient of a bill, which read:

"To keeping two goats two years, \$16.00."

O'Brien called at the office of the Tax Collector, with blood in his eye, and between gulps of exasperated rage, wanted to know why and by what authority he should pay a tax for keeping goats which never did anybody no harm, etc. Schmidt under fire, couldn't well explain in apt language, so he opened the Code and read from Section 1.492 on rate of taxation:

"Paragraph 13. All property abounding and abutting on the public highway, two dollars per front foot."—Central Law Journal.

Overdid the Cure.—Doctor—You admit that I cured you of insomnia, then why don't you pay my bill?

Patient—Sorry, doc, but I sleep so soundly now that my wife goes through my pockets nights and takes every cent.—National Corporation Reporter.

BOOK REVIEWS.

All book reviews are by the Editor in Chief unless otherwise expressly stated.

The American and English Annotated Cases, containing the important cases selected from the current American, Canadian, and English Reports; thoroughly annotated. Editors William M. McKinney and H. Noyes Greene. Volume XXIII. Ann. Cas. 1912 B. Edward Thompson Company, Northport, L. I., N. Y. 1912. Bancroft-Whitney Company, San Francisco. Price \$5.00.

With each successive volume of this valuable work it becomes more and more evident that the editors have determined to keep it up to the high standard that they set in the beginning of the venture. The selection of the cases for publication and annotation show careful discrimination, and its value to the busy lawyer is hard to overestimate. In handling these notes, the introductory should be carefully read, because it explains with lucidity the exact scope of the note, thereby obviating a fruitless search. This is an especially com-